

200 GIRLS ON A STRIKE

Parade With Knives Crying "Five Cents."

Will Peel No More Tomatoes—Demand an Increase of a Cent for Paring a Pail Full.

Salem, N. J., Sept. 3.—Two hundred girls and women paraded the streets today brandishing knives.

It was not a revolution led by Amazons. It was a strike of the table girls in the canning factories. They did not cry for blood. They shrilly demanded five cents instead of four for peeling a bucketful of tomatoes.

But as their knives gleamed in the sunlight they loudly asserted their demands, and their conduct was so riotous that the mayor and chief of police were called to restrain them.

On Friday the girls at the factory of Jones & Ayars asked for an increase in wages, which was granted to them.

On Saturday the "table girls" at Fenwick factory, operated by Starr Bros., made a similar demand, which was refused.

The packers have had to pay a higher price for their tomatoes this year than last, in has advanced in price, so they did not feel able to grant the table girls' demands. The girls went on strike. Every girl in the Fenwick factory followed them out.

The strikers walked out in a body and went to Lambert's factory. The women and girls there dropped their work and joined the others, who now number 200.

A line of procession was formed, and the female brigade started on a march for the factory of Jones & Ayars, to the rhythmic shout of "Five cents, five cents," while the knife blades gleamed.

Arriving there, they were denied admission.

This enraged some of the leading strikers, and their conduct, it is charged, was very like strikers of the sterner sex. They brandished their knives and it is said that many threats were made.

The women employees at Jones & Ayars refused to take any part with the strikers.

Starr Bros. made a compromise with their help during the afternoon, and work was resumed. Most of the factories had a large stock of tomatoes when the strike was ordered. Alfred Bilderback advanced wages to avoid trouble.

Married Five Sisters.

Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 3.—Wm. Mercer, of Raceon creek, 15 miles south of this city, is probably the happiest mortal in the county. He came here last evening to secure his fifth marriage license and wines and other delicacies for the wedding and "fair" that is to follow. Mr. Mercer has passed his fifth year, and was married to his first wife when nine years old. She was Miss Jennie Moffatt, and the four successors to the Mercer marital yoke have been her sisters, Ada, Catherine, Missouri, and this evening Miss Anna will take their place. She is 26, good looking, and favored Mercer in preference to a well known young man of the neighborhood. There is but one more of the Moffatt girls now left; and she is 20 years old. When spoken to of the peculiar features of his marriages he replied that he had "just simply felt in love with the Moffatt family." He is in fairly good circumstances and prepared to make his wedding on this occasion outdo all of its predecessors.

It is reasonable to suppose that Mr. Mercer will be back on Raceon creek in a few years after Moffatt, and later will want to take the old lady and her sheltering wing, provided the old man is out of the way.

Tarheel Quakers Scared.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 4.—T. C. Hodgins, a Quaker evangelist, who declares the Lord appeared to him in a vision in Ohio and told him that all North Carolina Quakers were going to hell, is creating a great sensation by his preaching here. He wishes to check this exodus, he says, and he is urging absolute sanctification.

GIRL KILLED FROM AMBUSH.

Shot was Intended for a Mormon Elder—Slayer Commits Suicide.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 4.—Six Mormon elders were conducting a meeting in a school house at Pine Bluffs, Stewart county, Tenn., Tuesday night when the building was stoned by a mob of over 100 men. Eggs and stones were thrown through the windows, and those present fled to save their lives, as bullets began to strike the building thick and fast. Elders Hiram Olson and H. C. Petty tried to escape; Miss May Haden, a popular young woman, walked between them with a view to checking the mob. As the trio passed down the road shots were fired from ambush. The woman was hit and almost instantly killed. Miss Haden's brothers vowed vengeance, secured bloodhounds and placed them on the trail of the assassins.

Boston Winslow, a young farmer and superintendent of a Sunday school, was lying in wait for the elders, and yesterday became convinced that he had fired the shot which killed his neighbor's daughter. He wrote out a confession, stating that it was an accident. Shortly after the confession was made blood hounds appeared at his home. Winslow picked up a knife and cut his own throat, almost at the same instant sending a bullet through his brain. There is intense feeling against the Mormons in Stewart county, and further serious trouble is expected. The elders have been warned repeatedly to leave the country, but they go right on holding meetings.

TILLMAN'S ADDRESS.

Carolina Senator Speaks at Second Session of Bimetallicists.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 4.—The second meeting of the New England Bimetallic League at Crescent Park, was very largely attended, and representative Democrats from all the New England states occupied the platform.

Resolutions declaring for free silver, against militarism and urging the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for president were unanimously adopted.

Senator Tillman was then introduced.

Mr. Tillman said: "If it was right to free Cuba because Spain was shooting Cubans to death, how is it to be reconciled with the fact that the United States, which now owns the Philippines, are now shooting the Filipinos to death."

He said that he believed the president is honest in his belief that he is doing his duty, but claimed that he only looked at the one fact that the United States bought these lands from Spain.

He asked where the honor was in the Philippine war. South Carolina will at any time send as many men in proportion to its population as any state to any war of decency and honor, but it will not send a regiment to the Philippines.

Negroes Draw Color Line.

Brunswick, Ga., Sept. 4.—Last night a band of negro men called out and flogged a negro woman who had been living with a Chinaman. The woman was warned that she must not return to the Chinaman's house. Several other negro women have been warned that their relations with Chinamen must cease. The black regulators have determined to draw the color line on the Orientals.

Hampton Female College Burned.

Newport News, September 4.—Fire destroyed the Hampton Female College this afternoon entailing a loss of \$30,000. The building was valued at 20,000 and the furniture and library at \$10,000. A stock company owned and conducted the institution. Insurance \$10,000.

Republican Committee's Advice.

Richmond, Va., September 4.—The Republican State Executive Committee have issued an address to the Republican county and city chairman and Republican voters of Virginia, advising that no steps be taken looking to the nomination of Republican candidates for the legislature.

Jackson's Soda Water is cool, clean and refreshing.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST OTIS

Carter Singled Out as a Victim.

Frank P. Blair Charges Otis With Perjury and Has Filed Affidavits.

Chicago, September 3.—The Chronicle says that the publication of the proceedings of the Captain Oberlin M. Carter court martial, whose verdict is in the hands of President McKinley for approval or rejection, has been the cause of a number of sensational statements during the past week, the wildest of which is that of Frank P. Blair, counsel for Carter, has charged General Ellwell S. Otis, now commanding the army in the Philippines, with perjury and subornation of perjury and has filed affidavits with the president.

"The affidavit in question," said Mr. Blair, "was filed as an essential part of the demand for a setting aside of the verdict, and simply states that one night at the DeSoto hotel, Savannah, Ga., during the setting of the court martial, I overheard Judge Advocate General Thomas E. Barr read some documents to General Otis and Colonel Gillespie of the court martial, and concluded by saying he would read it to counsel, and General Otis remarked, 'that will be good.'"

"The affidavit was a proof that the two members of the court martial had exceeded their province in discussing the case with the prosecuting attorney. In any legal proceeding such an act is sufficient to throw out the verdict of a jury, and the court martial is only a jury."

Mr. Blair intimates that Carter was singled out as a victim of the wrath of the men who have been promoting the Nicaragua canal scheme.

"Carter was named a member of the canal commission to investigate the exact condition of the scheme," added Mr. Blair. "He was selected because of his known engineering ability. At the Army and Navy Club, at Washington, he said he proposed to get at the bottom of the scheme and show it up. He was then sent to England as military attaché to the American embassy. On his return he was placed under arrest, charged with defrauding the Government."

No Analogy.

What analogy is there between the patriotic war of protection to American sailors in 1812, and the war of protection to American citizens in 1848, and the present war of conquest and imperialism in 1899? None whatever. The hesitation of the South to enlist for the conquest of the Philippines is not from a want of patriotism but from an abhorrence of this new born departure from the doctrines of the Declaration of Independence, and the immemorial traditions of the Republic expressed in Jefferson's immortal language, that "just government rest upon the consent of the governed." If the Mobile Register would refresh itself in the early history of the country, and especially in the fundamental principles of Republican freedom, as expounded by the fathers and founders of the Republic, it would not be so brash in attributing to the South a lack of patriotism in the reluctance of its people to enlist for the subjugation of a half barbarous people in the far regions of the equatorial tropics, eight thousand miles distant from the American coast.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Will Corns Robs Albert Garrett of \$4.00

Last Friday evening Will Corns, a negro, accosted Albert Garrett, also color d, in a field between the depot and Dr. Greaver's, and at the point of a pistol forced him to give up \$4.00 in cash and also made him go to a store and borrow \$2.00 more for him. Corns was arrested and is now in jail to await the action of the grand jury.

BARN BURNED.

Three Young Men Shocked by Lightning

Last Sunday evening lightning struck the farm of Mr. Rosenbaum, of Burke's Garden, and set it on fire. The barn was comparatively a new one, and contained about 75 bushels of oats, some hay and farming implements, which were consumed. There were three young men in the barn at the time and who were shocked by the electrical current, and by the time they found where they "were at" the flames had gained such headway they had no time to save anything more than a wagon from the conflagration.

The loss of barn and contents will reach about \$500.

Echoes of the Association.

The chickens are scarcer now.

Mr. W. H. Horton, wife and baby of Buchanan county, were interested attendants upon the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Rasmake, the clerk of the Association, is one of the energetic young pastors of the association, whose praise is in all the churches.

The unity of the Bluefield, Pocahontas and Bramwell churches with the New Lebanon Association, adds efficient aid and strength to that body.

The New Lebanon Association which convened here last week, was a gratifying success to the members and friends of the Baptist denomination. It was the largest and most successful meeting the association has ever held.

Prof. Charles L. Cooke, the distinguished president of Hollins Institute, has been attending the meetings of the New Lebanon Association for many years. He never made better speeches than on the occasion of the recent meeting. He is growing old, beautifully and gracefully.

Among the welcome visitors to the association were Rev. E. T. Mason, Jr., and his charming young wife, of Elkhorn. These young people came from a long line of strong and worthy ministers on both sides of the house. Mrs. Mason is a granddaughter of the late Rev. L. P. Fellers, of Botetout county, a distinguished Baptist minister in his day.

The visit of Miss Daisy Hutson, of Richmond, President of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, of Virginia, Miss Queenberry, a Bible woman, of Pocahontas, and Miss Pernell, of Lebanon, a prominent worker, was greatly enjoyed by the ladies of the Baptist church here. Miss Hutson held a number of meetings which will result in good.

IN THE CHURCHES.

Rev. Mr. French preached to a good audience in his own pulpit.

The Baptist and Presbyterian pulpits, were filled last Sunday by ministers of the association. Rev. H. A. Bagby preached a very fine sermon in the Baptist church and Rev. C. A. Thompson, preached for the Presbyterian congregation, and these sermons were good and greatly pleased and edified the large crowds who heard them. Revs. Mason and Thornton preached at Kelly, to good audiences.

The closing service of the association was unique and unusual. There were ten minute speeches from a number of persons giving their impressions of the association. Among the good speeches may be mentioned those of Capt. A. J. Tynes, Rev. Mr. Mowbray, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Jos. Hest, one of the oldest pastors in the association. The meeting closed with an enthusiastic old fashioned Methodist hand shaking.

The eastern visitors left on Monday morning to attend the meetings of the Clinch Valley and Powell's River Associations in the western part of the State which are now in session.

Married.

Married Aug. 30th, 1899, by the Rev. W. W. Ruff, near Five Oaks, at the home of the parents of the bride, John W. Jones and Miss Lucina Shuler, daughter of Rev. J. W. Shuler, both of Tazewell county.

A TERRIBLE RAIL WRECK

Passenger Train Goes Over Embankment.

Terrible Scenes of Suffering. Three Cars Completely Overturned—Many Injured.

Passenger train No. 4 which left Bluefield at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, was wrecked a short distance west of Narrows. The cause of the wreck is not known. Three coaches left the track while the train was running at a speed of 24 miles an hour, and the two first class coaches rolled down an embankment. The cars rolled over several times and landed in the county road right side up. The seats and stoves were loosened and many passengers were bruised and bleeding bodies were rescued from the debris. The engine and baggage and mail cars did not leave the track.

THE DEAD.

The dead are: A. B. Luck, railroad contractor; James Martin, aged 10 years, son of Dr. Martin, postmaster at Bluefield.

The injured. Mrs. Frank McCulloch, cut on head and body, not fatally hurt; Mrs. J. H. Tanner, considerably bruised; Master Fred Tanner, arm broken; Mrs. Geo. N. Speiden, cut and bruised; E. Edmonds, wife and child, cut and bruised; Mrs. Love, cut and bruised about head and body; Mrs. Cal Horton, bad gash cut in head and painful injuries; Mrs. Terry of Narrows, scalp torn off, injuries not fatal; Mrs. Gus Spott and daughter, of Tazewell, sustained painful injuries; Miss Houk, of Princeton, had her arm broken.

The people who lived near the wreck threw their homes open and cared for the wounded.

The others that were injured and whose names could not be learned, were taken on a special train to Roanoke, where they will be cared for.

A Delegate Tread.

A good one is told on a certain young delegate who attended the Baptist Association held here last week, whose identity for sufficient reasons, we withhold. However, last Sunday night he got into a very embarrassing position. In the evening he went home with some girls to spend the night with an acquaintance. After chatting until a late hour they all retired for the night. After Bill, (that's not his real name) had gone to bed it was so warm he became restless and concluded to get up and slip out into the yard and cool. He had only enjoyed the balmy, soothing zephyrs of the midnight hour, but a few moments, when one of those long, lank, hungry Railroad avenue prowlers, called a dog, discovered Bill. The dog growled and showed his teeth; Bill showed his agility by climbing an apple tree. The dog tread and barked so loud, long and vicious that one of the young ladies came out to see what was the matter, and looking up in the trees by the light of the stars perceived Bill resting on a limb in his night clothes, while his teeth played "Old Dan Tucker" from sheer fright. The light was too dim to read his thoughts. A male member of the household came to the rescue, and after the peering eyes disappeared from windows and the lights were extinguished Bill crept to his room. The breakfast table next morning saw him not—he breakfasted on crackers and cheese and fresh air.

The Right Man.

Prof. E. H. Copenhaver, of Mariou Va., will open school at Wartburg Seminary about the middle of Sept. Prof. Copenhaver is a graduate of Roanoke College (class '83). Since then he has taught several schools, and for several years was principle of Hawkins Chapel Institute at Rural Retreat, Va. He is a man of worthy character, is well prepared for his work and has been quite successful teaching. Graham is indeed fortunate in securing the professor.

TERRIFIC COLLISION.

Two Freights Come Together—One Man Hurt.

Friday there was a terrific head-on collision between two freight trains at Glade Spring at an early hour in the morning. One train had taken the siding to let a through freight pass, but by some oversight the switch was left open, and the two engines came together with a crash. The engines and several cars were completely wrecked, one car being thrown into the ticket and express office, making kindling wood of those. One man was slightly injured.

Will Fight Filipinos.

We are sorry to lose Mr. E. H. Bobbitt as a citizen, who took his departure for Richmond last Monday to enlist in the services of Uncle Sam. Bobbitt is a first class printer and a hearty good fellow, and we hope he will be boom proof against the smiles and charms of the Filipino maidens. He made warm friends while here whose best wishes go with him.

Out of Mischief.

Last Monday put a quietus to the barefoot, sunburnt young Americans of Tazewell from spending fourteen hours shooting pebbles at English sparrows and the neighborhood pigeons, and to sliding down clay banks with nothing between themselves and mother earth except their knee pants. They are going to school now and Prof. Byrom is dusting the clay out of the aforesaid pants.

A Long Felt Want.

Blue Grass steam laundry contemplates putting in bathrooms in connection with the laundry. The idea is a capital one, and no doubt will prove a profitable investment. There is no doubt, however, but what it will be a great help to the sanitary condition of the town if some of our citizens can be induced to patronize it instead of merely washing with a clean shirt once a week.

Hung Jury Again.

The jury in the case of Rosa Hilton vs. N. & W. R. R., resulted in a hung jury again, standing 7 for the plaintiff and 5 for the defendant. This is the third time there has been a hung jury in the case.

Will Address the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Judge Samuel W. Williams will deliver an address at the flag-raising over the High School by Tazewell Council No. 119, Jr. O. U. A. M. on Wednesday, Sept. 18. All should hear the Judge, as his address will be a gem and well worth hearing.

Squaring Accounts.

Editor Leslie has been absent this week getting even on the chicken question with the Baptist brethren who attended the association here last week and took bed and board with him. There's no doubt but what he collected the principal and interest.

New Citizens.

W. T. Watkins, and his family of Bluefield, moved to Tazewell Tuesday and will reside on Tazewell avenue, in the Hankins property. In behalf of the citizens of Tazewell we welcome him and his interesting family to our midst.

Big Vote Promised Bryan

According to James Hamilton Lewis, ex Representative of the State of Washington, there is not a State west of the Missouri now which will not, in the next national convention reaffirm its faith in the Chicago platform and present a delegation unanimously in favor of Bryan for the nomination for the Presidency. These States also will, he says, declare against trusts, and will work for a plank in the platform, for a specific law which shall prevent further robbery of the people by the combinations of capitalists.

The ex Representative declares that the States referred to, tired of Republican duplicity and of a government which is not representative of the plain people, will give splendid majorities for Bryan in the next national election.

HAPPENINGS IN THE COUNTY

What the People are Talking About.

WEST BLUESTONE.

Corn cutting and apple peeling is the go. The weather still remains very dry yet.

Among our visitors last week was Henry Hagy, of Graham, Mrs. Henry Taylor, of Big Stone Gap, Mr. and Mrs. William Peery, of Wittens Mills, Miss Georgy Sink, of Springville and J. W. Baily, of Elkhorn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shannon, was visiting their son-in-law, Chas. Hale, at Falls Mills last Sunday.

R. E. French says he has a mule colt, 4 months old, that will weigh nine hundred pounds. He is guessing at the weight, and of course we are all ready to believe.

A. J. Nash has bought a new mowing machine and grind stone and says he will keep a sharp ax.

Chas. Tickle has been suffering for several days with a large swelling on his hand. Dr. Reynolds lanced it last Saturday and Chas. has been improving ever since.

Wado Nash returned last week from Pembroke, where he has been spending a short time.

C. A. Wagner is painting his house and fixing up in general.

James Bailey has gone to Monroe county to attend camp meeting and visit his brother.

RATTLEHEAD.

LOCALITIES.

Tazewell College will open next Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Jackson has some good things to tell you in another place.

The Y. C. A. meeting announced in our last issue will not take place.

The Blue Grass Steam Laundry turned out its first work last week.

Hurl, the insurance man, wants you to read what he has to say on insurance.

Rev. A. N. Jackson, of Bluefield, entered his son at the High School this week.

The wife of John Warren, colored, died at her home in the lower end of town Wednesday evening.

The young folks of Burke's Garden enjoyed Tuesday by having an old fashioned, fun-loving picnic.

Your careful perusal of the announcement of Tazewell High School is requested, to be found on fourth page.

The Baptist church has been greatly improved in the interior by having the plastered walls replaced with ceiling.

Tazewell High School opened Monday with an enrollment of 197 scholars, about equally divided between the males and females.

According to the Rev. Irl Hicks, the weather prognosticator, the humidity of the atmosphere will be somewhat lessened after today.

We neglected last week to mention the visit of Mrs. P. W. Strother, of Giles county, to Mrs. Joseph Barnes, of the Cove, who is her daughter.

Rev. Addington, of the Methodist church, began a revival meeting in Burke's Garden Wednesday. The attendance so far has been very good.

"I see no difference in buying a slave on the block and buying a nation for \$20,000,000."—Rev. Dr. Bagby in his last Sunday morning's sermon.

T. M. Elliot, who was called to Covington, Va., on account of the sickness of his child, has returned to Tazewell Wooling Mills where he is working.

The Scarcity of Butter.

The scarcity of butter the past few days is due to the fact, that the Baptist association people fell so deeply in love with Tazewell and her people, they had to be greased in order to get them out of town.